

taining this provision. In future years, with his continued leadership, I am confident that this concept will be expanded to all Federal elections.

My colleague, the distinguished Republican leader (Mr. HUGH SCOTT) is to be commended for his great leadership on the bill and on the overall program of reforms of the political process. He and Senator KENNEDY have provided the leadership this Congress on public financing and their contributions have been immense. To Senators CLARK, MATHIAS, PASTORE, BYRD, GRIFFIN and STEVENS, the Senate owes its sincere thanks for the completion of this landmark legislation.

The country shall be better for the work the Senate has completed today on S. 3044.

#### TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ACT OF 1974

Mr. MANSFIELD. During the consideration of S. 4057 yesterday, Senator HARTKE withdrew an amendment to S. 4057. Inadvertently, the incorrect amendment was withdrawn. Thereafter, H.R. 15223 was considered by the Senate and the text of the Senate bill, as amended, was substituted for the language in the House bill. Therefore the bill as passed contains several mistakes. Section 208(d) of the bill should be deleted as should title 4 of the bill.

Therefore, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate reconsider the passage of H.R. 15223 including the third reading and that section 208(d) and all of title 4 of S. 4057 be deleted, and that the bill as thus corrected be repassed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### TRAVEL EXPENSE AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1974

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on S. 3341.

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 3341) to revise certain provisions of title 5, United States Code, relating to per diem and mileage expenses of employees and other individuals traveling on official business, and for other purposes, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert: That this Act may be cited as the "Travel Expense Amendments Act of 1974".

Sec. 2. Section 5701(2) of title 5, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Employee" means an individual employed in or under an agency including an individual employed intermittently in the Government service as an expert or consultant and paid on a daily when-actually-employed basis and an individual serving without pay or at one dollar a year;

Sec. 3. Section 5702 of title 5, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"§ 5702. Per diem; employees traveling on official business

"(a) An employee while traveling on official business away from his designated post of duty is entitled to a per diem allowance for travel inside the continental United States at a rate not to exceed \$35. For travel outside the continental United States, the per diem

allowance shall be established by the Administrator of General Services, or his designee, for each locality where travel is to be performed. For travel consuming less than a full day, such rates may be allocated proportionately pursuant to regulations prescribed under section 5707 of this title.

"(b) An employee who, while traveling on official business away from his designated post of duty, becomes incapacitated by illness or injury not due to his own misconduct, is entitled to the per diem allowance and appropriate transportation expenses until such time as he can again travel, and to the per diem allowance and transportation expenses during return travel to his designated post of duty.

"(c) Under regulations prescribed under section 5707 of this title, the Administrator of General Services, or his designee, may prescribe conditions under which an employee may be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses of official travel when the maximum per diem allowance would be less than these expenses, except that such reimbursement shall not exceed—

"(1) \$50 per day for travel within the continental United States when the maximum per diem otherwise allowable is determined to be inadequate (A) due to the unusual circumstances of the travel assignment, or (B) for travel to high rate geographical areas designated as such in regulations prescribed under section 5707; or

"(2) \$20 per day plus the locality per diem rate prescribed for travel outside the continental United States.

"(d) This section does not apply to a Justice or judge, except to the extent provided by section 456 of title 28."

Sec. 4. Section 5703 of title 5, United States Code, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. Section 5704 of title 5, United States Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§ 5704. Mileage and related allowances

"(a) Under regulations prescribed under section 5707 of this title, an employee who is engaged on official business for the Government is entitled to not in excess of—

"(1) 9 cents a mile for the use of a privately owned motorcycle; or

"(2) 18 cents a mile for the use of a privately owned automobile; or

"(3) 24 cents a mile for the use of a privately owned airplane;

instead of actual expenses of transportation when that mode of transportation is authorized or approved as more advantageous to the Government. A determination of advantage is not required when payment of a mileage basis is limited to the cost of travel by common carrier including per diem.

"(b) In addition to the mileage allowance authorized under subsection (a) of this section, the employee may be reimbursed for—

"(1) parking fees;

"(2) ferry fees;

"(3) bridge, road, and tunnel costs; and

"(4) airplane landing and tie-down fees."

Sec. 6. Section 5707 of title 5, United States Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§ 5707. Regulations and reports

"(a) The Administrator of General Services shall prescribe regulations necessary for the administration of this subchapter.

"(b) The Administrator of General Services, in consultation with the Comptroller General of the United States, the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Defense, and representatives of organizations of employees of the Government, shall conduct periodic studies of the cost of travel and the operation of privately owned vehicles to employees while engaged on official business, and shall report the results of such studies to Congress at least once a year."

Sec. 7. The seventh paragraph under the heading "Administrative Provisions" in the Senate appropriation in the Legislative

Branch Appropriation Act, 1957 (2 U.S.C. 68b), is amended by striking out "\$25" and "\$40" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$35" and "\$50", respectively.

Sec. 8. Item 5707 contained in the analysis of subchapter 1 of chapter 57 of title 5 is amended to read as follows:

"5707. Regulations and reports."

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, the Senate, after some effort, passed S. 3341 relating to per diem and mileage expenses on September 19. The House was scheduled to take up a similar bill, H.R. 15903, under suspension of the rules on Monday, October 7. Discussion with House staff indicates that the bill will pass in its present form, and it has passed in its present form.

I ask unanimous consent that the Senate disagree to the amendments of the House, and hereby request a conference on the disagreeing votes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. MANSFIELD. On behalf of the Senator from Montana (Mr. METCALF) I ask unanimous consent that Mr. METCALF, the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. HUDDLESTON), and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. PERCY) be appointed as conferees.

There being no objection, the Presiding Officer appointed Mr. METCALF, Mr. HUDDLESTON, and Mr. PERCY conferees on the part of the Senate.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 898— NATIONAL LEGAL SECRETARIES' COURT OBSERVANCE WEEK

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I send to the Senate a joint resolution authorizing the President to proclaim the second full week in October 1974, as National Legal Secretaries' Court Observance Week, and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The joint resolution will be read for the information of the Senate.

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 898) was read the first time by title and the second time at length, as follows:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is hereby authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating the second full week in October, 1974, as "National Legal Secretaries' Court Observance Week", and calling upon the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the joint resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, yesterday the House of Representatives passed House Joint Resolution 898. It has come over to the Senate and is now pending before the Senate.

This resolution honors the secretaries of the Nation, an honor that is justly due.

I am very pleased that the House passed it, and I hope the Senate will see fit to pass it, too.

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I have cleared this resolution with the majority leader, Mr. MANSFIELD, the assistant majority leader, Mr. BYRD, the minority leader, Mr. SCOTT, the assistant minority leader, Mr. GRIFFIN, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee Mr. EASTLAND, and the two members of the subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee who handle resolutions of this nature, Mr. McCLELLAN and Mr. HRUSKA.

Mr. President, I hope that the Senate acts on it at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The joint resolution is before the Senate and open to amendment. If there be no amendment to be offered, the question is on the reading and passage of the joint resolution.

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 898) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### A PROGRAM TO CONTROL INFLATION IN A HEALTHY AND GROWING ECONOMY

Mr. HUGH SCOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Record a fact sheet relating to the program to control inflation in a healthy and growing economy which was referred to today in President Ford's address before the joint session of Congress.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

##### A PROGRAM TO CONTROL INFLATION IN A HEALTHY AND GROWING ECONOMY

Although our economic system remains sound and strong, with its basic vitality intact, the economy is experiencing severe difficulties. Inflation is far too high. Too many people are having trouble finding employment. The financial markets are out of kilter. Interest rates are exorbitant. Housing is suffering badly. The productive capacity of the economy is expanding too slowly.

The origins of these problems are complex. Part of the problem grew out of several international shocks:

The disastrous world-wide drop in crop production in 1972, which sent food prices soaring.

Tow international devaluations of the dollar, which made the United States a more attractive source for other countries to buy scarce materials.

The tripling of crude oil prices, which exerted a powerful and pervasive effect on our entire price structure.

Here at home, a long period of excessively stimulative policies created inflationary pressures that gradually and inexorably mounted in intensity. With that condition prevailing, the economy could not absorb the outside shocks; rather, those have now been built into the system, deepening and extending our problem.

Twice within the past decade, in 1967 and in 1971-72, we let an opportunity to regain price stability slip through our grasp. Thus inflation has gathered momentum and has become the chronic concern of producers and consumers alike. Indeed, today inflation is the primary cause of our recession fears.

Consumer confidence has been shaken, causing most families to hold back on spending, as clearly indicated by the lack of growth in the physical volume of retail sales for the past year and a half.

An "inflation premium" has been added to "true" interest rates, so that we now have mortgages at 9-10 percent and corporate bonds at 10-12 percent. This was warped our financial markets, including the stock

market, which were structured for an economy with a relatively stable price level.

Another development that has created a serious economic imbalance is the fact that our civilian labor force has been expanding rapidly. For the size of our labor force, therefore, we are short on capital equipment. During this same period, the effectiveness of price controls in certain sectors—e.g., steel, paper and other basic materials—created specific bottlenecks that limited the production capacity of the entire economy. As a result, unemployment was higher than it otherwise would have been. Also, the dampening impact of price controls on profits held back new capital expansion programs in some of these vital industries.

Thus, because our problems are complex, it is clear that our program to deal with them must be comprehensive. It is also clear that the solution cannot be achieved quickly. There are no simple, instantaneous cures for our difficulties. Discipline and patience are the watchwords.

We must, therefore, have a strong policy of budgetary and monetary restraint to work down the rate of inflation. At the same time, we must provide the means for a healthy long-run growth in the capacity of the economy, correct the imbalances that have developed in recent years, and see to it that the burdens of this effort are shared on an equitable basis. Some further rise in unemployment appears probable, and we will take steps to deal with it. However, we can and will achieve our goals without a large increase in unemployment. There will be no economic depression in the United States.

##### AMENDING THE EMPLOYMENT ACT OF 1946

The Employment Act of 1946 makes it the policy of the Federal Government to "promote maximum employment, production and purchasing power." Although the words "purchasing power" have sometimes been interpreted as meaning price-level stability, it would nevertheless be helpful to clarify the term and make explicit in the Employment Act the goal of stability in the general price level. The American people have a right to receive from their government stronger assurance that policies will be followed to safeguard the purchasing power of their money in addition to policies that will provide abundant job opportunities and a rising level of living.

We, therefore, suggest that the section of the Act referred to above be amended to read as follows: "... for all those able, willing, and seeking to work, to promote maximum employment, maximum production, and stability of the general price level."

##### INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

There is much that we and other nations can do to restore the health of the international economy. The economic problems of one nation, as well as its policies for dealing with them, affect other nations. Governments thus have the responsibility not only to maintain healthy economies but also to formulate policies in a way that complements, rather than disrupts, the constructive efforts of others.

This is particularly true for major economic powers such as the United States. Our policies to reduce inflation and restore satisfactory growth are intended to contribute to the strengthening of the international economy. We intend, further, to work with others so that:

We can ensure secure and reasonably priced goods, particularly food and fuel, for all nations.

We can minimize national policy conflicts or distortions that direct resources away from their most productive uses.

We can provide early warning of potential shifts in supply and demand so that nations can avoid potential disruptions.

We can try to harmonize national efforts

in such areas as conservation, investment and balance of payments management.

A small delegation led by Ambassador Eberle departed today for Canada, Europe and Japan to discuss the policies described herein and to explore how we can better address and resolve common problems in a mutually supportive fashion.

A cornerstone of our international efforts is the multilateral trade negotiation scheduled to begin this fall. Passage of the Trade Reform Act will provide the United States with an opportunity to help improve the international trading order and to ensure that United States interests are well served therein. Without this bill, the United States will be regarded abroad as lacking the tools or the interest to build multilateral solutions to pressing economic problems. With it, the United States can play a leadership role in negotiating guidelines to reduce distortions of trade and investment that force workers or farmers in one nation to pay for the economic policies of another nation. We can also work toward a multilateral system of safeguards that provide for temporary—but only temporary—limits on imports when there is a need for certain industries to adjust smoothly to economic shifts.

##### FOOD AND FIBER

Food prices are of major concern in our fight against inflation. Because of weather problems and heavy demands from around the world, food prices are anticipated to increase at an annual rate of 10 percent or more over the next 18 months. Only by expanding farm production, improving productivity, and containing foreign demand can we hope to reduce the rate of increase.

Increased production offers our brightest hope for combating inflation, and we are committed to a program of all-out food production. There are presently no government restrictions on planting of wheat, feed grains, soybeans and cotton (excluding extra-long-staple cotton). To remove restrictions on rice production, we support pending legislation, but with a noninflationary target price. In addition, new legislation, which we support, has just been introduced to remove restrictions on the production of peanuts and extra-long-staple cotton.

Farmers must be assured of adequate supplies of fertilizers and fuel. The Secretary of Agriculture has been directed to work with the Interagency Fertilizer Task Force to establish a reporting system. Fuel will be allocated if necessary. Authority will be sought to allocate fertilizer, if that is needed. We will work with fertilizer companies to initiate voluntary efforts to reduce nonessential uses of fertilizer.

Over the past weekend the Federal Government initiated a voluntary program to monitor grain exports. We can and shall have adequate supplies at home, and through cooperation meet the needs of our trading partners abroad. A committee of the Economic Policy Board will be responsible for determining policy under this program. In addition, in order to better allocate our supplies for export, the President has asked that a provision be added to Public Law 480, under which we ship food to needy countries, to waive certain of the restrictions on shipments under that Act on national interest or humanitarian grounds.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Commission on Productivity have been directed to help reduce the cost of food by improving efficiency in the agricultural sector. The Department and the Council on Wage and Price Stability will review marketing orders to insure that they do not reduce food supplies. Government regulations will be examined to eliminate those that interfere with productivity in the food processing and distribution industries.